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## Accountable CDS Perspective

The Accountable CDS Perspective is currently available for viewing the High School Graduation Cohort Status Profile Report in the District Reports. Using this perspective, the report displays the students that a given district is responsible for according to federal requirements. This perspective varies somewhat from the Attending CDS Perspective (the default in most District Reports), which displays students that are attending school in a given district.

### Description

In order to determine the accountable district/school for a student, the business rules check (a) to see who should be responsible based on the combination of Resident, Receiving, and Attending Codes submitted (which follow the *NJ SMART Reporting Responsibilities* guidelines) and (b) to verify that the given school is on the Accountable High School List. The NJ DOE's Accountable High School List includes all schools accountable for graduating high school students. If a school is not on this list, then a graduation rate will not be reported for it. Regular public schools, charter schools, and vocational schools can be held accountable, while state agencies and private schools cannot.

### The CDS Rules

In the cases where a student's...

(1) Attending = Receiving = Resident CDS:

- If Attending is on the list, then *Accountable = Attending*.
- If not Attending, then *Accountable = Cannot Be Determined*.

(2) Attending  $\neq$  Receiving, Receiving  $\neq$  Resident, and Resident  $\neq$  Attending CDS:

- If Receiving is on the list, then *Accountable = Receiving*.
- If not Receiving, and Resident is on the list, then *Accountable = Resident*.
- If not Resident, then *Accountable = Cannot Be Determined*.

(3) Attending = Receiving, and Receiving  $\neq$  Resident CDS:

- If Attending is on the list, then *Accountable = Attending*.
- If not Attending, and Resident is on the list, then *Accountable = Resident*.
- If not Resident, then *Accountable = Cannot Be Determined*.

(4) Attending = Resident, and Resident  $\neq$  Receiving CDS:

- This is never a plausible scenario. It is always *Accountable = Cannot Be Determined*. Please refer to the *NJ SMART Reporting Responsibilities* for guidance on correct CDS assignment.

(5) Resident = Receiving, and Attending  $\neq$  Receiving CDS:

- If Resident is on the list, then *Accountable = Resident*.
- If not Resident, then *Accountable = Cannot be Determined*.